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On average, one officer is killed in this country every other day. Approximately 23,000 are injured every year, and thousands are assaulted going about their daily routines.

During last year, 150 very devoted, brave officers from the ranks of State, local and Federal service were killed in the line of duty. One hundred forty-four men and six women were killed. The average age of those killed in the line of duty was 39 years, and they had an average of 10 years in service.

In my home State of Oklahoma, four brave police officers died in the line of duty in 2000. At this time I would like to read their names into the RECORD:

Deputy Charles Floyd Trivitt, Hughes County Sheriff's Department, died February 21, 2000;

Correctional Officer Joe Allen Gamble, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Granite Reformatory, died June 6, 2000;

Trooper Matthew Scott Evans, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and Officer Jeffrey Dean Rominger, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, died August 31, 2000.

Mr. Speaker, the service to be held on May 15 is the 20th anniversary of this memorial service. It represents a national opportunity to honor the contributions and sacrifices of all police officers.

Mr. Speaker, I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this great tribute to our fallen peace officers.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time just to make the following observation.

Mr. Speaker, in conjunction with this event that occurs on the Capitol Grounds, the police agencies from all over the country will also gather and have a parade beginning on New Jersey Avenue and going to the Police Memorial which is directly across from the National Building Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I would say to my colleagues, if they have not been to that parade, they should go. It is a sight to see. There are bagpipers from all across the country.

Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress authorized the minting of a coin which was sold nationwide, and the proceeds of that coin were used to keep up the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and there is nothing that will ever compare with the strains of Amazing Grace from so many bagpipes in honor of the men and women who have perished creating the thin blue line.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 74 authorizes use of the Capitol Grounds for the 20th annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service—a most solemn and respectful service. I strongly support this resolution that honors police officers—brave men and

women, who gave their lives in the daily work of protecting our families and us.

On average, one officer is killed in this country every other day, approximately 23,000 are injured every year, and thousands are assaulted going about their daily routines.

During last year 150 very devoted, brave officers from the ranks of state, local and federal service were killed in the line of duty—144 men, and 6 women were killed. The average age of those killed was 39 years, and they had an average of 10 years in service.

In my state of Illinois three brave police officers died in the line of duty during 2000—At this time I would like to read their names into the record: Gregory M. Sears, Alane Stoffregen, and William Howard Warren. Their names will be etched on the memorial wall, and will join 4 other officers from Illinois already memorialized.

In addition to those three officers I would also like to read into the record the names of two fallen officers from the St. Louis, Missouri area who have family ties in Southern Illinois. Robert J. Stanze II, St. Louis Police Department, and Richard Eric Weinhold, St. Louis County are police officers who died in the line of duty in 2000.

Mr. Speaker, the service to be held on May 15 is the 20th anniversary of this memorial service. I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this tribute to our fallen Peace Officers.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 74, to authorize the use of the Capitol grounds for the 20th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15, 2001. This solemn and important ceremony honors the 150 brave law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty nationwide during 2000.

Our law enforcement officials represent an integral part of our society in which we have instilled public trust. As the vanguard of our public safety, we sometimes take for granted the risks that these law officers assume in the course of their duties. Regrettably, far too often we are reminded of those risks. Since 1794, nearly 15,000 local, state, and federal law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty.

The 20th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service is the culmination of a week of events prepared by the Fraternal Order of Police commemorating National Police Week. By paying tribute to the dedicated officers who were killed while exercising their duty we honor their memory, their sacrifice, and the family and friends they have left behind.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support this worthy Resolution and I invite my colleagues to join in supporting its passage.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today there are many citizens of this nation that go to great lengths to ensure the safety of our lives as a priority of their own. Today, I rise in support of the 20th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service for the use of the Capitol grounds. I encourage each of you to take note of these individuals who are members of all ranks from municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, dedicating every moment of their precious life for the betterment of ours. Therefore, I stand to recognize these devoted citizens and to encourage unanimous support for H. Con. Res. 74.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 74.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 74, the measure just considered by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT) at 5 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO MEXICO-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h and clause 10 of rule I, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Mexico-United States Inter-parliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, appointed on March 28, 2001:

Mr. BALLENGER, North Carolina, Vice Chairman;

Mr. DREIER, California;

Mr. STENHOLM, Texas;

Mr. BARTON, Texas;

Mr. FILNER, California;

Mr. LEWIS, Kentucky;

Mr. MANZULLO, Illinois;

Ms. GRANGER, Texas;

Mr. REYES, Texas;

Mr. THOMPSON, California.

There was no objection.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON VITAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 306(k) of the Public Health Service Act